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September 15, 2020

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Water Technical Unit (SMR-04)
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Reference: NPDES Permit No. NH0001465, Merrimack Station, GSP Merrimack LLC, issued June 25, 1992, modified October 22, 1992, modified January 10, 2018.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Merrimack Station
Monthly NPDES Discharge Monitoring Report
August 2020

In compliance with Part I, Section B.1., of the NPDES permit (see Reference), Granite Shore Power LLC (GSP) herein submits the monthly NPDES report for Merrimack Station for the month of August. With the following exception, all sampling and analyses were conducted by station personnel in accordance with EPA approved procedures referenced at 40 CFR Part 136; Eastern Analytical, Inc. of Concord, NH, performed the total suspended solids and oil and grease analyses on the samples collected at Outfall 003A. There were no oily sheens, floating solids, or foam observed in any of the outfall discharges in other than trace amounts. Significant beds of floating algae were observed collecting at the bridge at Outfall 003 on a number of days this month.

As instructed by the agencies, GSP now reports a concentration of zero ("0") when the analytical result is less than the method detection limit (MDL). For this report, the following MDLs were used: Total Residual Oxidants = 0.05 mg/l (SM 4500-Cl E – 2011); Oil & Grease = 5.0 mg/l (EPA 1664 Rev. B); Total Suspended Solids = 5.0 mg/l (SM 2540D – 1997).

The pH at Outfall 003 (Station S-0) was recorded outside the range of 6.5 SU to 8.0 SU during many of the days this month. With both units off-line the entire month, the lack of cooling water flow from the station aggravated in-situ monitoring by creating stagnant conditions and allowing large beds of floating vegetation to encroach upon the monitoring equipment. Compliance was maintained with the permit however, as the effluent pH mostly tracked the naturally occurring river pH at Station N-5 (see the attached data sheets), and discrepancies were within the analytical limits of the equipment accuracy and precision. The more extreme diurnal swings in pH are likely related to the photosynthesis/respiration cycle of the algae blooms. As such, these low pH values were not the result of activities at Merrimack Station and should not be recorded as violations in the Integrated Compliance Information System, Enforcement and Compliance History Online, or any other EPA compliance database.

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This report is required by, and prepared specifically for, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It presents truly, accurately and completely, the observed measurements and analyses required by the EPA to be performed or submitted, but only such observed results. It is not intended as an assertion of the accuracy of any instrument, reading, or analytical result, nor is it an endorsement of the suitability of any analytical or measurement procedure.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call Allan Palmer, Senior Engineer, at (603) 230-7951.

Sincerely,

GRANITE SHORE POWER

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth H. Tillotson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Elizabeth H. Tillotson
Executive Director of Administration & Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

GSP MERRIMACK LLC
MERRIMACK GENERATING STATION
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM

MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT FOR August 2020

STATION: N5

PARAMETER: PH

DAY	MAXIMUM (PARAM)	TIME	DAILY AVERAGE	MINIMUM (PARAM)	TIME	#of INT.
08/01/20	6.96	1815	6.83	6.71	0630	96
08/02/20	6.89	1930	6.79	6.69	1030	96
08/03/20	7.11	1845	6.87	6.73	0630	96
08/04/20	6.92	1500	6.84	6.74	0800	96
08/05/20	6.97	1530	6.84	6.73	0600	96
08/06/20	6.99	1745	6.85	6.76	0730	96
08/07/20	7.03	1815	6.90	6.81	0800	96
08/08/20	6.99	1900	6.86	6.74	0845	96
08/09/20	7.12	2000	6.93	6.76	0615	96
08/10/20	7.06	1615	6.91	6.77	0715	96
08/11/20	7.31	1700	6.95	6.75	0700	95
08/12/20	7.40	1745	6.98	6.76	0630	96
08/13/20	7.46	1845	7.01	6.79	0545	96
08/14/20	7.20	1630	6.96	6.81	0615	96
08/15/20	6.97	0030	6.84	6.77	0900	96
08/16/20	6.88	1645	6.83	6.77	0715	96
08/17/20	6.97	1845	6.87	6.78	0700	96
08/18/20	7.01	1815	6.90	6.81	0545	96
08/19/20	7.20	0945	7.00	6.87	0700	96
08/20/20	7.28	2000	7.06	6.90	0830	96
08/21/20	7.13	1515	7.05	6.95	0800	96
08/22/20	7.12	1815	7.01	6.91	0745	96
08/23/20	7.09	2030	7.00	6.91	0730	96
08/24/20	7.08	1515	6.99	6.91	0745	96
08/25/20	7.07	1645	6.98	6.91	0830	96
08/26/20	7.34	2200	7.09	6.89	0645	96
08/27/20	7.27	0015	7.12	7.05	0745	96
08/28/20	7.32	2315	7.14	6.97	0800	96
08/29/20	7.29	0015	7.11	7.03	0745	96
08/30/20	7.91	1630	7.38	7.00	0630	96
08/31/20	8.34	1800	7.80	7.15	0615	96
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AVERAGE	7.18		6.99	6.84		
STD DEV.:	0.30		0.20	0.11		

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DAY	MAXIMUM (PARAM)	TIME	DAILY AVERAGE	MINIMUM (PARAM)	TIME	#of INT.
08/01/20	7.13	1300	6.73	6.41	0730	86
08/02/20	6.80	1815	6.58	6.37	0715	96
08/03/20	7.03	2100	6.70	6.41	0700	96
08/04/20	6.83	0015	6.50	6.27	1430	96
08/05/20	6.76	1700	6.55	6.31	0645	96
08/06/20	6.90	1415	6.66	6.39	0745	96
08/07/20	6.85	2200	6.63	6.40	0715	96
08/08/20	6.99	1800	6.68	6.41	0630	96
08/09/20	7.50	1730	6.88	6.53	0645	93
08/10/20	7.53	2030	6.95	6.26	0930	96
08/11/20	8.18	1800	7.27	6.54	0815	95
08/12/20	8.27	2000	7.40	6.72	0630	96
08/13/20	8.48	1915	7.60	6.72	0730	96
08/14/20	8.52	1730	7.61	6.72	0700	96
08/15/20	7.47	0015	6.84	6.56	1030	96
08/16/20	7.11	1615	6.70	6.49	0600	96
08/17/20	7.11	1915	6.71	6.42	0730	96
08/18/20	7.18	1715	6.83	6.54	0630	96
08/19/20	7.05	1700	6.80	6.51	0715	96
08/20/20	6.96	1545	6.71	6.46	0700	96
08/21/20	6.91	1745	6.66	6.45	0700	96
08/22/20	6.81	1815	6.66	6.45	0730	96
08/23/20	6.87	1430	6.58	6.43	0000	96
08/24/20	6.81	1800	6.54	6.31	0215	96
08/25/20	6.96	1745	6.68	6.42	0730	96
08/26/20	6.90	1730	6.69	6.47	0615	96
08/27/20	6.66	0015	6.54	6.44	2300	96
08/28/20	6.78	1430	6.57	6.40	0645	96
08/29/20	6.63	0115	6.55	6.44	0730	96
08/30/20	6.76	1515	6.57	6.45	0715	96
08/31/20	6.72	1900	6.59	6.49	1115	96
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AVERAGE	7.14		6.77	6.46		
STD DEV.:	0.53		0.30	0.11		